REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Title of Publication:	Master Cockfight, 31st May 2007
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Reasons for excisions:

Not Applicable

Summary of reasons for classification:

The magazine *Master Cockfight, 31st May 2007* is classified as: Objectionable.

The May edition of the magazine *Master Cockfight* was published in Thailand and its text is in the Thai language. The magazine promotes and encourages criminal activity to an extent and degree that renders its availability likely to be injurious to the public good. The magazine is devoted to cockfighting, a sport that is legal in Thailand. New Zealand law prohibits this activity under s31(1)(a) of the Animal Welfare Act 1999. The magazine normalises and endorses the practice of cockfighting. It therefore promotes and encourages an activity that is illegal in New Zealand.

The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression. However, given the nature of the material, this decision is reasonable, demonstrably justified and represents the minimum interference with the freedom of expression consistent with preventing likely injury to the public good.